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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 19 - APRIL 25TH

National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek ways to engage in their community. The theme for National Volunteer Week, commemorated April 19-25, is "Celebrating People in Action." The theme captures the meaning behind this signature week – honoring those individuals who dedicate themselves to take action and solve problems in their communities. National Volunteer Week embodies the energy and power volunteers evoke on a daily basis as they lead by example – not only encouraging the people they help, but motivating others to serve as well.

The contributions of volunteers will be recognized in ceremonies across the U.S. Here in Charleston, local volunteers and ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary things through service, will be recognized and applauded by Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Mayor Riley will sign a proclamation, Monday, April 20, 2009 at 10:50 a.m. proclaiming April 19- April 25, 2009 as Volunteer Week in Charleston in Council Chamber, 80 Broad Street. Over 30 community volunteers will be on hand for the signing of the Volunteer Week proclamation. The volunteers in our community who read to elementary school children, feed the hungry, visit the sick, deliver meals, mentor children, and perform other charitable acts deserve our praise. National Volunteer Week is an excellent opportunity to salute our unsung heroes and encourage others to get involved. Numerous volunteer projects and special events are scheduled throughout the week.

Sponsored by Points of Light Institute and HandsOn Network – the nation's largest volunteer organizing network – National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 by former President Richard Nixon and has grown exponentially each subsequent year, with literally thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled throughout the week. And with President Obama's recent endorsement of the Serve America Act (www.bethechangeinc.org) and his call on Congress to support this vital piece of legislation, this year will be even more energizing and inspiring.

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